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SUBJ: HERBERT FRIEDICH WADER, USSS FILE NO. 123-1649-S, ALLEGED
COUNTERFEITING ACTIVITY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REF: PARIS 37803

1. DCM RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY SIXTH DEPT DIRECTOR
QUESTION OF ALLEGED COUNTERFEITING ACTIVITY BY WENZEL
HORKY, ABBVT WHOM EMBASSY HAS HAD NO INFORMATION PRE-
VIOUSLY ON FILE. DCM ASKED FOR (A) GOC EFFORTS TO
LOCATE HORKY, INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS BY WADER,
AND REPORT BACK TO EMBASSY RE GOC FINDINGS; AND (B)
*9438&, MINISTRY SUPPORT FOR POSSIBLE VISIT TO PRAGUE
OF US INVESTIGATIVE AGENTS
WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLARIFY WHAT
ROLE HORKY MAY HAVE PLAYED IN THE SMUGGLING OF COUNTERFEIT
FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES.

2. ZANTOVSKY TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF DCM'S REMARKS,
WHICH HE PLEDGED TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF GOC
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AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH CASES. HE INDI-
CATED HE WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY ON THIS
MATTER.

3. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF OUR STILL DIFFICULT BILATERAL RELA-
TIONSHIP WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WE BELIEVE THERE IS

VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE THAT GOC WOULD COOPERATE SATIS-
FACTORILY WITH USSS AGENT FROM PARIS, AS SUGGESTED
PARA 5 REFTEL. HOWEVER, US CUSTOMS AGENTS JACOBSON
AND TABORSKY, EMBASSY BONN AND CONSULATE GENERAL
FRANKFURT RESPECTIVELY, HAVE ESTABLISHED REASONABLY
GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP HERE WITH CZECHOSLOVAK
OFFICIALS, MAINLY ON SMUGGLING CASES, AND WE THINK
THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE THESE CONTACTS TO CARRY
FORWARD THE INVESTIGATION OF HORKY'S POSSIBLE COMPLI-
CITY.

4. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT USSS PARIS INFORM JACOB-
SON AND TABORSKY OF THE WADER CASE AND SEEK TO USE THEIR
CZECH CONTACTS FOR ACQUIRING AS MUCH INFORMATION
AS PROVES TO BE AVAILABLE.

5. THE EMBASSY HAS NO CONTACT WITH LOCAL POLICE
OTHER THAN THAT REQUIRED FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY OF USG
PROPERTY AND EVEN ON THAT SCORE OUR WORK WITH
POLICE HAS BEEN VERY UNSATISFACTORY. CZECHOSLOVAKIA
IS NOT A MEMBER OF INTERPOL AND DOES NOT COOPERATE
OFFICIALLY WITH WESTERN INVESTIGATIVE ORGANIZA-
TIONS WITH THE SINGLE EXCEPTION OF CUSTOMS SER-
VICES, AS A RESULT OF GOC MEMBERSHIP IN THE
CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL.

6. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY IF AND WHEN JACOBSON
OR TABORSKY MIGHT BE ASKED TO COME TO PRAGUE OR
WHETHER WE SHOULD PRESS FOR A VISIT BY USSS AGENT. IN ANY CASE,
WE BELIEVE SUCH VISITS SHOULD AWAIT FURTHER WORD FROM ZAN-
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TOVSKY ON GOC FINDINGS RE HORKY'S ACTIVITIES.
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